

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY MANAMA

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MANAMA FOR DODSON

E.O. 11652 N/A  
TAGS: EAID, KU  
SUBJECT: GOK REQUEST FOR ARMOND LEMKE

REF: (A) STATE 299597, (B) KUWAIT 5509, (C) STATE 302529.

1. EMBOFF PASSED ON CONTENTS OF REF A TO OOSTDAM OF KUWAIT INSTITUTE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (KISR). OOSTDAM INDICATED THAT, AS A RESULT OF JUST COMPLETED KUWAIT REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF GOK MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (UNEP), THE GOK IS NOW CONSIDERING OBTAINING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SIMILAR TO THAT CONTEMPLATED IN LEMKE ASSIGNMENT BUT BY WAY OF UNEP OR OTHER UN AGENCY. IN LIGHT OF THIS KISR MANAGEMENT HAS DECIDED TO SEND LETTER TO EPA (WITH COPY TO US EMBASSY) REQUESTING THAT LEMKE BE SECONDED TO UNESCO OR TO OTHER UN AGENCY.

2. OOSTDAM EMPHASIZED THAT KISR DESIRES STRONGLY TO ESTABLISH A WORKING CONNECTION WITH EPA VIA ASSIGNMENT OF LEMKE. OOSTDAM NOTED GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF PROVISIONS AS OUTLINED IN REF A, INCLUDING FEBRUARY 1 TIMING FOR LEMKE ARRIVAL.

3. COMMENT: ONE USG EMPLOYEE, WAYNE BRADY OF GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, HAS ALREADY BEEN ASSIGNED TO KUWAIT TO WORK UNDER UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) SPONSORSHIP WITH GOK MINISTRY OF FINANCE.  
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CONTRACT THERE PROVIDES FOR PAYMENT OF BRADY BY GOK

THROUGH UNDP. EMBASSY FEELS THAT THIS COULD SERVE AS MODEL FOR POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENT WITH LEMKE. UNDP RES REP OBSERVES, HOWEVER, THAT, EVEN IF GOK SPECIFIES PERSON WITHING USG FOR ASSIGNMENT, UNDP PROCEDURE STILL SPECIFIES THAT GOK PROVIDE JOB DESCRIPTION, STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES, ETC. TO UNDP BEFORE SUCH ASSIGNMENT CAN BE MADE. ASSIGNMENT PROCESS OF LEMKE TO UNDP THEREFORE COULD BE DELAYED BEYOND FEBRUARY 1 DATE PROPOSED IN PARA 1 REF A, BECAUSE OF COMPLICATED UNDP PROCEDURES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WILL CHECK MATTER FURTHER WITH KISR. (OOSTDAM HIMSELF IS IN CAIRO NOW AND WILL NOT RETURN TILL DECEMBER 18). EMBASSY REQUESTS EPA PROVIDE PRELIMINARY REACTION TO KISR PROPOSAL QUICKLY, IN LIGHT OF DECEMBER 20 DEADLINE MENTIONED IN REF A.

5. RE REF C, KISR INDICATED NO OBJECTION TO BUDGET INCLUDING ITEM 7, "SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (MEDICAL)". EMBASSY WILL RAISE CLARIFYING POINTS REF C WITH OOSTDAM AS SOON AS HE RETURNS AND REPORT HIS REACTION.  
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